

WHAT IS THAT FROST/MOISTURE IN MY REFRIGERATOR?

You've just purchased a FROST-FREE refrigerator and are surprised to find frost and/or water droplets inside the freezer on food packages and the walls and moisture in the fresh food section of the refrigerator.

Why is this happening?

New refrigerators retain colder temperatures. Especially on hot humid days, the moisture entering the refrigerator or freezer when the door is opened will cause frost to form inside the freezer and moisture to collect inside the refrigerator. Additionally, to reduce energy use to meet government requirements, defrost heaters have shorter run times. Light loads in the freezer also contribute to the problem.

What can you do about it?

- Use your air conditioner to reduce humidity.
- Arrange shelving and food items so air circulates.
- Don't "overload" or leave the freezer empty. It should be at least half full.
- Set the controls as recommended in the use and care book. Manufacturers may suggest different settings for summer and winter.
- Properly seal liquids and high-moisture foods stored in the fresh food section.
- Open the refrigerator and freezer doors as few times as possible.
- Clean the condenser coils at least twice a year. Check the use and care book for procedures. You'll save energy, too.
- Cover pots and pans and use the range hood fan when cooking to reduce moisture in the kitchen.
- Check and maintain the door gaskets. A good door seal keeps warm moist air out of the refrigerator.

These tips will help control frost and moisture in your refrigerator, but won't eliminate the problem, especially when humidity is excessive.